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RE: Additional Options Concerning the Fall 2020 California Bar Examination


Dear Mr. Steinbrecher,

This letter is a follow-up to the court's April 27, 2020 letter concerning the administration of the June 2020 First-Year Law Students' Examination and the July 2020 California Bar Examination.

The court is grateful to learn that the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) will offer an online-deployable version of the multiple choice Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) on October 6, 2020. As the State Bar is aware, the administration of the MBE is an essential component to scoring the entire two-day exam. Although the court had originally postponed the July 2020 California Bar Examination to September 9-10, 2020, the court will consider moving the exam to October 5-6, 2020 after the State Bar assesses its online administration of First-Year Law Students' Examination on June 23 and the feasibility of upscaling that administration to the full exam in the fall.

As noted in the court's prior letter, the court will continue to explore other options as circumstances develop or change. The court appreciates the State Bar's continued efforts concerning these matters.

Sincerely,


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Executive Officer of the Supreme Court